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## Town Meeting Information – June 15, 2006

**Article 2:** To see what sum the town will vote to appropriate from undesignated fund balance to install a new roof on the Lamoine Fire Station. (The Selectmen recommend \$13,800)

The Lamoine Fire Station was constructed in 1990, and was one of the first buildings in the area to utilize fiberglass shingles. While inexpensive, the shingles also did not wear very well and have not held up to the weather. Wind storms this past winter blew numerous shingles off the roof to the point that water leaks have started in the fire house.

The Board of Selectmen with advice from the fire chief and chief engineer of the fire department put a set of specifications out to bid and received bids back on May 4, 2006. The following bids were received:

Bidder	Amount
Harville Roofing, Skowhegan	\$15,460
Maine Coast Roofing Company, Mt. Desert	\$12,900
Michael Jordan, Lamoine	\$13,800
Michael Jordan, Lamoine – alternate specs	\$16,800
Sinclair Builders, Ellsworth	\$19,500
New Vision Builders, Surry	\$12,999
PCS Specialty, Skowhegan	\$16,800

The Selectmen are recommending the \$13,800 bid submitted by Michael Jordan.

The money for this project would come from the undesignated fund balance (surplus) and not affect the property tax rate for 2006/07.

**Article 3**. To see if the town will appropriate an additional \$20,000 for paving Seal Point Road. The source of funding shall be \$10,000 from the Road Fund and \$10,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance. (The Selectmen recommend a "Yes" vote).

When the budget was formulated, our paving consultant estimated the cost of paving this year would be \$45/ton. When the bids came in, the

price of oil had jumped to over \$70/barrel, and the cost of paving is now \$55/ton. Town meeting approved \$83,000 to pave Seal Point Road at the annual meeting in March. The new estimate to do the job is \$103,000. The portion of Seal Point Road planned for paving is rapidly deteriorating. Extensive shoulder shaping, ditching and culvert work is planned for this summer to prepare for the paving project. To defer the work would push all other roads back a year and potentially create an expensive bind.

The Selectmen are recommending appropriating the additional money, half from undesignated fund balance and half from the road fund. As with the previous article, there would be no effect on the property tax rate for 2006/07.

## **Fund Balances:**

Fund Balance 6/30/05 (Audited)	\$372,933.35
Appropriated from fund balance for year ending 6/30/06	\$58,970.00
Expected fund balance 6/30/06	\$313,963.35
Appropriated by 3/06 Town Meeting for FY 2007	\$40,000.00
Expected End Balance 6/30/07	\$273,963.35
Estimated Revenue in excess of FY 2006 Budget	\$30,000.00
Adjusted Expected End Balance 6/30/07	\$303,963.35
Proposed appropriations from Fund Balance tonight	\$23,800.00
<b>Expected End Balance 6/30/07 if articles pass tonight</b>	\$280,163.35
Expected Cash Level 6/30/06	\$573,000.00

The Road Fund is comprised of budgeted expenses for roads that have not been fully spent in past years. As of June 30, 2005 there was a balance of \$27,474.56. Town meeting in 2005 appropriated \$12,000 from this fund, and the March 2006 town meeting appropriated \$2,000. This would leave a level of \$13,474.56 in the road fund at the end of June, 2006. Article 3 as proposed would drop this level to \$3,474 before closing budget figures.